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Reports of the Special Committee of the United States  
Senate Investigating the National Defense Program.

1. The Special Committee of the United States Senate Investigating the National Defense Program, called in succession the Truman Committee, the Mead Committee, the Kilgore Committee and the Brewster Committee, is now winding up its activities and will go out of business in a few days. Because some of the material in the hearings touch on activities abroad, such as oil in the Middle East, the Inter-American Highway, and other matters, I thought it might not be amiss for the library to have one or two complete sets of the hearings. I have gotten from the Committee all the hearings which they have available, but as you can see it is far from a complete set. The Committee tells me that many of the earlier volumes of the hearings and reports may still be had from the Government Printing Office.

2. If you think it would be advisable for the library to have these earlier hearings and reports, it is suggested that you procure them direct from the Government Printing Office.

3. As stated above, I have secured everything which the Committee can furnish us except volumes 41, 42 and 43 of the hearings, which they will furnish us as soon as they come off the press.

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